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DEVELOPMENT OF AQUACULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps the Government propose to take to develop aquaculture in various States;

(b) whether the Government have prepared scientific guidelines for promotion of aquaculture sector in the country, keeping in view Supreme Court`s judgement;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Aquaculture activity in the country is promoted through a package of technical, financial and extension support under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Development of Freshwater Aquaculture and Integrated Coastal Aquaculture through a network of 429 Fish Farmers Development Agencies (FFDA) and 39 Brackishwater Fish Farmers Development Agencies (BFDA) established fo this purpose.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir. The Aquaculture Authority set up as per the directives of the Supreme Court has brought out guidlines for adopting improved technology for increasing production and productivity in traditional and improved traditional systems of shrimp farming keeping in view the Supreme Court`s judgement. The guidelines are aimed at optimizing yield levels in such systems on sustainable basis and for improving the management of shrimp aquaculture to ensure long term sustainability of the farming practices and environmental security.

(d): Question does not arise.